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- a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee identified below.
- A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is attached.

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- the attorney of record for this invention.

**NOTE:** The rules "permit an attorney or agent of record to sign a terminal disclaimer without the need to comply with § 3.73(b)." Notice of Oct. 15, 1993, 1156 O.G. 54-61, at 56. See also § 1490, M.P.E.P., 7th Edition.

### **IDENTITY OF ASSIGNEE AND TITLE OF DISCLAIMANT** (if applicable)

The assignee is

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Title of disclaimant authorized to sign on behalf of assignee \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXTENT OF DISCLAIMER'S INTEREST**

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is:

- the whole of this invention.
- a sectional interest in this invention, as follows:

**NOTE:** Disclaimers from the whole interest must be filed.

(state the exact interest of the disclaimant)

The disclaimant(s) is/are:

- the applicant(s)
- the assignee(s)

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**RECORDAL F ASSIGNMENT IN PTO**  
*(if applicable)*

- The assignment was recorded on 1/30/2001  
Reel 011491  
Frame 0567
- Authorization for recordal of the assignment is separately attached.  
 A separate  "ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET" or  
 FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

**ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**  
*(if applicable)*

- Attached is a STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this case.

NOTE: Insert the appropriate page 3.

**DISCLAIMER**  
**(Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent)**

Petitioner(s) hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 6,187,279 as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

Petitioner(s) hereby agree(s) that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the above-listed patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, claimant does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of the patent forming the basis of the double patenting rejection, namely, Patent No.: 6,187,279, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

**DISCLAIMER FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d))**

- Other than a small entity — fee \$110.00  
 Small entity — fee \$55.00
- Small entity statement attached  
 Small entity statement already filed
- in patent application \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (*Date*)

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